



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: There is increasing use of medicines that provide health-giving and life-sustaining benefits, and household and industrial chemicals that save time and labor; and
- WHEREAS: These products, when not used as directed or intended, may be hazardous to adults and children, who, from infancy to five years of age, are the most frequent victims of poisoning; and
- WHEREAS: The lives of thousands of Minnesotans are threatened each year by the accidental exposure to poisonous substances; and
- WHEREAS: State government agencies have been working for many years with their local and federal counterparts to inform citizens of the potential hazards of these substances; and
- WHEREAS: Health professionals, educators, and the public need access to resources to learn and teach others about the dangers of poisonous substances and how to prevent poisonings from occurring; and
- WHEREAS: Poison control and poison prevention services help people and health care providers avoid incurring unnecessary costs; and
- WHEREAS: National Poison Prevention Week is endorsed by the Minnesota Poison Control System, which consists of the Hennepin Regional Poison Center and the Minnesota Department of Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 16-22, 2014, as:

## POISON PREVENTION WEEK

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE